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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1984

Dear Bill:

Last month I asked a distinguished group of Americans to form a nonpartisan Advisory Panel on Overseas Security to study and make recommendations concerning the security of our overseas diplomatic missions and the personnel attached to them over the next ten years. I am pleased to inform you that the members of the Panel, at their first meeting in Washington on July 27, agreed to accept this mandate.

The Panel will be chaired by Admiral Bobby Inman, retired, and members will be Senator Warren Rudman; Congressman Daniel Mica; Larry Eagleburger, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and former Ambassador to Yugoslavia; Lt. General D'Wayne Gray, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Marine Corps; Anne Armstrong, chairperson of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and former Ambassador to the United Kingdom; Robert McGuire, Chairman of the Board of Pinkerton's, Incorporated; and Victor Dikeos, Director-General of the Multinational Force and Observers organization in Rome, who will be the Executive Secretary. I have asked the Panel to examine a number of security-related questions of great concern to all of us who have large numbers of personnel assigned abroad. These questions include:

-- What is the nature of the threat that our overseas personnel and facilities face over the next ten years, and how can we best protect against it?

-- What is our obligation to protect foreign missions and their personnel in this country?

The Honorable
William J. Casey,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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-- What is our obligation to protect private American citizens and businesses who are threatened overseas?

-- And, what are the resource implications of these issues?

The Panel will assemble a small professional staff, and plans to issue its final report and recommendations on or about January 1, 1985. The Panel has requested that it be able to gather information for its deliberations from all relevant agencies with a significant overseas presence. I know that I can count on you and the Central Intelligence Agency to cooperate fully with the Panel over the next few months as it reviews this vital issue. Their activities will be of significant value to all of us who are concerned with assuring that our overseas operations are able to continue effectively in a worldwide environment of increasing uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

George

George P. Shultz

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